(b) whether Government have achieved its target of production of oilseeds to availability of oil;

(c) whether Government are planning to extend any extra support to the edible oil sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The import of edible oil is permitted under OGL in order to augment the domestic availability and to make available edible oil to the consumers at reasonable prices. The import of edible oil is not having any adverse effect on the cultivation of oilseeds as there is a further scope for increasing the production of oilseeds to meet the growing demand for edible oil.

(b) Against the production target of 25.5 million tonnes fixed by the Planning Commission, the achievement was 22.02 million tonnes during the year 1997-98 and for the year 1998-99 the target fixed is 27.0 million tonnes against which the estimated production is likely to be 24.2 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) No special programme is envisaged for supporting the edible oil sector.

Power Generation from Brahmapura Tributaries

*331. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any plan to utilise water resources of tributaries of the Brahmaputra like Dichang, Dihing, Dikhow, Dhansiri, etc. for generating power, enhancing irrigation facilities, and for controlling floods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, will the Ministry take it up in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Brahmaputra Board has prepared Master Plans for Flood Management in the tributaries of Brahmaputra river like Desang, Buridihang, Dikhow and Dhansiri which has also identified the potential in those tributaries for development of hydropower and irrigation as under.

Tributary	Hydropower potential (MW)	Irrigation potential (ha)
Desang	21.80	1,14,097
Buridihing	113.40	71,564
Dikhow	482.50	12,279
Dhansiri	100.00	64,474

The Master Plans have been circulated to the States for implementation of individual schemes from the funds allocated under State Plan Sector by the Planning Commission. Government of Assam is implementing Dhansiri irrigation project in Darrang district at an estimated cost of Rs. 224.80 crore.

Scams detected during 1997-98

*332. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scams detected during 1997-98 and till date in the country;

(b) the names of prominent persons, departments, industrial groups against whom cases have been filed by the C.B.I.;

(c) the number of charge sheets so far filed in the various courts by the C.B.I., till date; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) As informed by the Central Bureau of Investigation, a total number of four Scams (CRB Scam, Indian Bank Scam, Wheat Scam and Bitumen Scam), each involving more than one crore of rupees, were detected by them during 1997-98 and till date in the country.

(b) to (d) The Central Bureau of Investigation registers cases against individual persons, office bearers and officials in the departments and not against departments. Central Bureau of Investigation has already